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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2006, Paper No./Mail Date  
20060609, please consider the following.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

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